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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-11 and 17-19, drawn to methods of identifying compounds that interact with a target molecule.

Group II, claim(s) 12, 14-16, drawn to methods for determining an interaction constant alpha.

Group III, claim(s) 13, drawn to using NMR for screening ligands that exhibit synergistic effects on a target in the presence of another ligand.

The inventions listed as Groups I to III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The technical feature of mixing a substrate, product or ligand of a target with at least one chemical compound, generating a first spectrum; exposing said substrate, product or ligand and mixture of chemical compounds in step to a target molecule; generating a second spectrum; and comparing said first and

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second spectra; is known in the art, as taught by Went (US 6,150,179). Went (US 6,150,179) at col. 32, line 39 to col. 33, line 19, teaches NMR measurements of a molecule, preferably a peptide, when the molecule "is either free or bound to a target." Went teaches binding of a free peptide to achieve "highly accurate REDOR NMR distances" because measurements are made of the "bound binder and thus reflect any conformational changes that occur upon binding with the target." Thus Went teaches that comparing the NMR spectra of the unbound and bound peptide binders, (taken to refer to ligands, as in claim 1), demonstrated conformational changes in the peptide when the peptide was bound to the target.

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

1. A first spectrum of step b) that is an one-dimensional, two dimensional or three-dimensional spectrum, as in claim 3. The applicant could elect, for example, a one-dimensional spectrum.
2. A chemical shift in said first dimension that is a chemical shift in the first dimension that is a ^1H , ^3H , ^{11}B , ^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{19}F , ^{29}S , or ^{31}P chemical shift, as in claims 5 and 8. The applicant could elect, for example, a ^1H chemical shift.
3. A chemical shift in said other dimension that is a chemical shift in the first dimension that is a ^1H , ^3H , ^{11}B , ^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{19}F , ^{29}S , or ^{31}P chemical shift, as in claims 5 and 8. The applicant could elect, for example, a ^1H chemical shift.
4. A first spectrum of step b) that is an one-dimensional, two dimensional or three-dimensional spectrum, as in claim 3. The applicant could elect, for example, a one-dimensional spectrum.

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Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. ***The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species***, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Claim 1 is drawn to the generation of spectra; claims 4 and 9 are drawn to whether the spectra so generated are one-dimensional, two-dimensional or three-dimensional spectra; claims 5 and 8 are drawn to chemical shifts in the generated dimensions.

The following claim(s) are generic: claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: spectra of different dimensions have different features and are known in the art; and the different chemical shifts reflect different elements, and so are structurally different and are known in the art.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark L. Shibuya whose telephone number is (571) 272-0806. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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